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Don't Sign Petition" Say Leading Citizens

Decision at This Time Might Mean a Set Back to Prohibition and Would Entail an Unnecessary Expense On the City.

Ambrose, Richard Adamson, Elmore commenced last week the circulation of a petition for a liquor election to be held the week of June to determine if American Fork shall re-establish saloons. The promoters say they already have more than half required number of signatures, among them are many women. There were 868 registered voters at the city election, which would mean that if 217 of them sign the petition the city council must provide for a liquor election the last Tuesday in June, a majority at this election, then saloons will be re-established in this city. At the first election, after the local option law passed, this city voted the saloons out of existence by a vote of two to one.

Policy of this paper, since its ownership two years ago, has been for prohibition, because it is the belief of the owners that saloons are of no benefit to the community, but are a curse to many. In this city they have not been, but they have been gradually getting better, and with the aid of a recent supreme court decision the operation of the new law they should be improved 100 per cent. This is no time for the city to take a backward step when a progressive community are the other way.

Following are some of the replies of leading citizens when asked if they thought about signing the petition:

N. Christensen, ex-County Commissioner. "I don't believe that the petition should be signed. The people undoubtedly would vote the town so why put the city to the expense of an election. New states are dry each year and even if the mayor did veto the prohibition bill, it will yet go dry. Progress in the state of the nation is towards prohibition, not the other way."

James H. Clark, Postmaster. "I do not use in calling an election. I am sure that the saloon interests would be beaten at the polls, so why expense that would be incurred in an election? However, they have legal right to hold an election if 25 per cent of the voters sign, but would mean the same old fight over, with the drys again victorious."

Y. Greenwood. "I am going to sign the petition because I believe people should rule. The Governor let the people vote on it. I also think the people should have the right to vote on state-wide prohibition."

M. Beck, proprietor Grant Hotel. "I think the people ought to have a vote on this question. If they want to go wet then they should have saloons. However, if an election is held, I think American Fork should vote dry. I also think the same thing regarding state wide prohibition—that the people should vote on it."

Alma Greenwood. "I am against it for the reason, in the first place I don't believe in saloons in any form. In the second place I don't believe that the people want them. What is the use of putting the city to the expense of an election while suffering under the present high burden of taxation?"

Dr. P. M. Kelly, School Trustee. "Mr. Greenwood voices my sentiment. Saloons do not contribute in any manner to the moral uplift of the community."

James T. Gardner, ex-Mayor. "I think a liquor election would be a step in the wrong direction. Though conditions are not ideal now, still they are 75 per cent better than they were under the old condition. Be-

sides this, it would only be putting the city to an unnecessary expense, as the anti-saloon votes would carry the election."

E. J. Clayton, Stake Clerk. "I am fully convinced that such an election would simply mean adding the cost of same to the taxpayers of the community. I have full confidence that, providing such an election should be called, the vote of the citizens would leave the liquor question just where it now stands in American Fork. If the prohibition move is to succeed in Utah and in the Nation, which I believe, notwithstanding the obstacles which we have had to meet in Utah, the great majority of the people are determined that it shall, then should not communities which have once been voted 'dry' go forward and not backward?"

Earl S. Greenwood, Mayor. "I don't favor holding an election, because I don't believe in saloons. They are a curse to any community. If the petition gets 25 per cent of the voters we will have to call an election, and an election may mean saloons, so we better not encourage even the signing of a petition."

President Stephen L. Chipman. "My sentiments are expressed in an article by the Stake Presidency."

Willis Bromley, City Marshal. "I won't sign the petition. It only means an unnecessary expense on the city, as I don't think the wets could carry the election if one were held."

J. B. Forbes, City Recorder. "An election would only mean the useless expenditure of about \$200, which, I think, would bring the same result as was given in the last liquor election, viz., a 'dry territory.' The new law will also strengthen the officers in improving the present improved condition."

C. E. Young, Bank cashier. "My sentiments are expressed in the article on this question by the Civil Betterment League."

J. H. Storrs, Mgr. Co-op store. "I think it is a farce and unjust. Unjust because an election would result in victory for prohibition, and the prohibitionists being in the majority would have to stand the larger part of the expenses of the election. It is a farce because it has already been proven at a prior election that the people don't want saloons."

W. S. Chipman, banker. "I think the people ought not to sign the petition. It would only incur an unnecessary expense of about \$300, for there is no possibility of the liquor people winning out. At the last election the question of saloons was defeated two to one. I see no more reason why the people should sign saloons now than they did then."

Dr. J. F. Noyes. "I am a prohibitionist. However, if the people want to vote on the question and secure twenty-five per cent of the voters I have no objection to their deciding it at the polls."

John H. Wootton, State Senator. "In view of the passage of the Funk bill making dry territory more dry, I think it would be foolish for the voters to ask for a liquor election at this time. With this new bill and an enforcement of the law, prohibition in American Fork should be a practical success."

J. B. Seely, City Councilman. "I am a prohibitionist. The people don't want saloons nor do they want the cost of a special election. They have already decided the question once and have no reason to change their decision."

An Appeal to Better Citizenship

We are informed that petitions are being circulated for signature, asking the City authorities to call a special election in June of this year.

to vote again as to whether we want an open saloon licensed by the city or not. We have had this question settled not long ago, and had petitions circulated two years ago, but not getting 25 per cent of the legal voters, no election was called. We hope this will be the case again.

The expense of said election can be averted by refusing to sign said petitions. The friends of liquor will ask you which you would rather have—well regulated (?) saloons or these dives. We will answer neither; and if the friends of morality and good citizenship will unite and enforce the law, we can abolish both.

In the Funk Bill, that has just become a law, preventing liquor from being shipped into dry territory, we will get additional protection. We do not believe that, with or without saloons, some men will deprive themselves of liquor if they can get it; but intoxication and the sale of this deadly poison has been very much reduced under local option, and with the Funk Bill a law we can minimize it much more.

Had the Governor signed the Wootton Prohibition Bill that passed both Houses with such overwhelming majorities, it would have made it still easier to control the whisky business, the foundation of nearly all evils. We hope the people will see to it that not only the Legislature members are pledged to this reform next time, but that the Governor pledge himself, before we cast our votes for him.

We do not agree with the Governor in the reasons he sets forth for vetoing the bill, and neither do we think that he has been wise in arbitrarily holding this important measure until the Legislature adjourned, especially after promising the committee who waited upon him, so it is reported, that he would return it before their adjournment.

What we want to do is to be true and firm in what we already have, and keep at it until we get what we want; namely, state-wide prohibition. We should uphold our City Councils, Mayors and Marshals in abolishing the liquor traffic in our cities. If they are neglectful or indifferent, they should be urged to make greater effort, and if they will not do so, we should rectify this at the next election.

We offer these suggestions as citizens of this community, and recommend to our people to read carefully and act wisely in all these matters. STEPHEN L. CHIPMAN, JAMES H. CLARKE, ABEL JOHN EVANS, Alpine Stake Presidency.

WOULD MAKE INTERESTING READING

We have been asked if this paper will contain a copy of the liquor election petition with the list of signers. Of course the petitions are private property now, and it would be highly improper to print them at this time. But if sufficient names are secured to call the election, then the petition and signatures will become public property, and we see no reason why this paper should not print the lists in full. Certainly it would make most interesting reading.

Arbor Day Set For Clean Up Day

Mayor Greenwood Advises People to Clean Up at Once, and State Inspector, Frank Jordan, Issues Orders Compelling Some to Take Quick Action.

Mr. Frank Jordan, special representative of the State Board of Health was in American Fork Monday, with the City Marshal made a general inspection of the town. Referring to conditions generally, he said that the city was in a fair condition in a sanitary way, and with but little work could be made one of the most healthful cities in the state. He, however, found several bad outhouses and corals, and gave the owners ten days notice to clean up. He also remarked that many of the fences should be repaired, which would materially help to the looks of the city.

The city health board is also taking a hand in matters, and recommends that the citizens follow the suggestions of Inspector Jordan and make this the clean town of the state for 1915.

Following is the text of the Mayor's orders:

To the People of American Fork:—The time has now come when our citizens should clean up their premises, both for the sake of health and for the purpose of making American Fork "The City Beautiful." Without delay, I recommend that all the outhouses be thoroughly cleaned and made sanitary against the breeding of flies, and that all corals be cleaned out and kept clean, thus reducing to a minimum the breeding places of flies. The front yards and lawns should be put into condition at once, and all the refuse in the back yards should be raked up and burned or hauled away to the city's dumping yards. Fences should be put in repair, and in many cases new ones built. A liberal use of paint would also help in the desired transformation. All this should be done preparatory to the annual clean up day, which I have hereby set for Arbor Day. At this time the city will provide means for hauling away all the garbage that the owners cannot take away themselves.

EARL S. GREENWOOD, Mayor.

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Local Option Law

Held to be Valid

Supreme Court Hands Down Decision In Briggs Liquor Case Which Settles Once and For All Constitutionality of State's Right to Stop Sale of Liquor.

The Supreme Court of Utah this week decided the Lawrence Briggs case which has been before it for several months. The attorneys for Briggs attacked the constitutionality of the local option law, claiming that it delegated to the people the right to make laws which right the constitution said belonged only to the legislature. The court held this contention to be unavailing because the local option law only provided that the people might approve or disapprove of a law that had already been passed.

There was no disagreement between the judges, except in the matter of who should pay the expenses of the appeal. Two of the judges assessed all the costs to the defendant, but Justice Straup held that it being a criminal case, he should not be made to stand the costs.

The liquor interests of the state have been watching the case with deep interest because it was the last loophole for them to get through. Now, however, when a case is decided in the district court, there will be no appeal because of the constitutionality of the law.

Mr. Briggs was convicted in Justice Hunter's court over one year ago, of selling liquor in his drug store, in American Fork. He was given a heavy fine and appealed to the district court. Here again he was convicted and this time Judge Morgan added a term of imprisonment to the fine. The appeal was then made to the supreme court. There is now only one way for Briggs to avoid paying his fine and going to jail, and that is for the County Commissioners to pardon him and remit the fine, which is not likely to happen. There is another case under practically the

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same conditions now pending against Fon Chipman, except that Chipman's attorneys appealed on errors in the admission of certain evidence in the lower court.

North Utah County Stock Show

During the past week the Committee that has charge of the arrangements for the Annual Live Stock Show has had two meetings and everything is reported to be moving smoothly toward a very successful exhibit this year. Members of the committee from our sister towns have attended the meetings and report considerable interest being shown. In view of the fact that the show is to be representative of the entire north end of the county, it was decided that the official title of the affair should be, "North Utah County Stock Show." Several stockmen of the north end of

the county who did not exhibit last year have expressed themselves as intending to be out this year and take a few of the awards. It is thought that not only will there be more classes of stock exhibited this year than last, but that the classes will be fuller and of better quality than before. No entrance fee is to be charged for any of the stock and ribbons will be awarded to winners of the first three places in each class. Dr. W. E. Carroll, of the Utah Agricultural college, has been secured to act as judge for the occasion. Dr. Carroll is in charge of the stock judging department at the A. C. and is conceded to be one of the best in this line in the intermountain country.

The show will commence with the big parade at 9:30 Friday morning, April 2, and the judging of horses will take place immediately afterward. The judging of the other stock will begin at 1:00 in the afternoon.

Make Your Future Bright

You can make your future bright by saving a part of your earnings. Do not depend upon luck to provide for old age. Begin at once and establish a growing savings account. It is not so much the amount that you start with that counts, as the regularity with which you make additional deposits. We invite savings accounts in any amount. Twenty-four years successful banking tells its own story.

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